

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: YAMAJI, et al.

Serial No.: 09/437,296

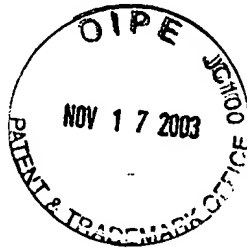
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For: FLUID COUPLING

Group Art Unit: 3679

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 23, 2003, extended to November 23, 2003 by a three (3) month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows: